

## **COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**31 AUGUST 2021**

### **REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JUNE 2021**

#### **BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

##### **Issue for Decision**

On 23 June 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee considered the Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan Update.

During the debate, the 'No Mow May' campaign promoted by the Council during May 2021 was discussed as it was felt this could have been better advertised.

##### **Recommendation Made**

That the Committee review the lessons learnt from the 'No Mow May' campaign.

##### **Reasons for Recommendation**

The Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan Update was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on Wednesday 23 June 2021.

Extract from Minute 17 of the above-mentioned meeting is outlined below:

*The 'No Mow May' scheme that was promoted during May 2021 was highlighted, with a report on the tree coverage of Council owned land to be presented to the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee later this year. Further work into the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the depot and the Council's vehicle replacement plan were noted.*

*The Committee expressed support for the progress made on the points within the action plan, with the importance of providing various types of transport across the borough highlighted. The principle of the 'No Mow May' campaign was supported, but it was felt that it should have been better advertised to residents.*

In noting the report, the request was made for the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to review the lessons learnt from the campaign as the body responsible for the Safe, Clean and Green Strategic Objective.

##### **Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended**

None.

##### **Background Documents**

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 23 June 2021:

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**Appendices** - None